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Group No. : 2812  
Examiner : R.A. Booth

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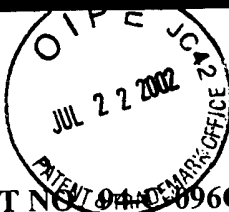
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In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: